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MEMORIAL DAY

Chairman, Americanism Committee The American Legion

MEMORIAL DAY is the sacred rallying day of this Republic. It connotes America as a family. It is a clinging together, a joint quickening in the South, the North, the East and the West of our patriotic heart beats. Along with the tender placing of spring flowers, the unfurling of flags and the laying of wreaths, there is an inspiration for our posterity to follow in the footsteps of the gallant patriots who gave their first allegiance to America and backed it with the sacrifice of their lives in every war in this Nation's history.

The decoration of the final resting places of our hero dead was started in the South by the gallant ladies of the Confederacy. They placed flowers impartially on the graves of Southern fighting men as well as of Union soldiers. This fine act inspired both the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans to make such remembrance an annual day of memory and rededication. Today the ranks of both the Blue and Gray have vanished. The mantle of leadership in Memorial Day observance has been taken over by The American Legion with its many Posts in the North, the South, the East and the West. Today Memorial Day is a national remembrance day. Our last four wars have made it this. Today members of the American Legion march in Annual Memorial Day parades to the hallowed shrines of their departed comrades.

On this day of memories, bright little flags ripple on the green mounds that shelter our nation's fallen heroes. These banners signify our gratitude to those who gave their lives to make our nation great.

What can we offer for the future as we bow by the graves of these men?

Daniel Webster once said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it".

We can only tell them that we will struggle on, day by day, and this we must repeat to those fallen hosts. We will do what we must, as the future unfolds, with full awareness of the precious nature of liberty, ready, with our accumulation of modern arms to defend man's right to his soul, but always plodding on in the hope of eventually reaching the golden heights they aspired to, real and lasting peace.

Courtesy of The American Legion

Morrison Boosts Credit Union

Allen D. Morrison, president of Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, announced last week a special campaign to inform residents of the value of a systematic savings program as a means of family security.

Morrison, whose role as public servant has ranged from mayor to justice of the peace over a twenty-year period, was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Credit Union board of directors last year. He was reelected to the board at the annual meeting in January and was elected to the presidency by the remaining board members.

Because of the importance of installment financing in the family budget today, Morrison called attention to credit union objectives in keeping down the cost of consumer financing. "The credit union," he said, "provides a safe convenient place to save, as well as an ideal medium for the development of habits of thrift in children."

On the Board of Directors are Jim Beck, Vice President; Ben Rosenzweig, Secretary; Joe Comproni, Treasurer; Carl Eubank, Joseph C. Cherry, and Murray Ryss. The Supervisory Committee consists of Ed Kaighn, Chairman; Joseph C. O'Neill and Joseph T. Haslinger. On the Credit Committee are Mrs. Hazel Dinehart, Chairman; Mrs. Virginia Fowler, and Mrs. Anne Kazlauskas. Mrs. Margaret T. Leibe is the Assistant Treasurer and has made possible the daytime service now available to members.

The Credit Union was one of the first organizations to open for business in Greenbelt. Savings of members amount to $115,000.00 and loans $125,000.00. Dividends have been paid for the past 21 years. In recent years dividends have been four percent although dividends of five percent have been paid. Since organization in 1937 the Credit Union has loaned over 1½ million dollars to its members.

Membership in the Credit Union is open to all residents of Greenbelt, organizations of residents, and persons employed in Greenbelt. Recently membership was extended to include members of Greenbelt Consumer Services who reside in neighboring communities.

Bishop Sewing Class Seeks Registration

An unusual organization for classes in the Bishop method of sewing is being planned for the first two weeks of August. Designed for mothers and their daughters of junior high school age, the classes will be intensive, lasting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., five days a week. Mothers will learn how to fit their own children, and both mothers and daughters will have the pleasure of learning to do something together

Applications for the one or two-week course are being taken immediately, as arrangements for the course depend upon an early response. At least ten couples of mothers and daughters must be enrolled; but, as one of the organizers, Mrs. Ruth Baron, 19-M Ridge, pointed out, the more couples who are enrolled, the more easily the classes can be arranged in ability groupings. The one requirement is that each teenager be accompanied by an adult woman—if not her own mother, then by a substitute.

Applications for the classes may be made with either Mrs. Baron (GR. 4-6154) or Mrs. Helen Geller, 117 Northway (GR. 4-6323).

VFD & RS Auxiliary Planning June Bazaar

Plans are in the final stages by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Greenbelt VFD & RS for their gala bazaar. For the pleasure of the children there will be on sale, used comics, parcel-post packages, dart throw games, and records. For the adults there will be a huge white elephant table, a fancy goods table, and a rummage sale. Also included will be wall plaques, artificial corsages, novelties, and a gift table. In the evening from 8 to 11 p.m., there will be a 50-50-Bingo game. Iced tea and baked goods will be on sale all day.

The bazaar will be held from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Engine room of the Fire House on Saturday, June 6 Hot dogs, soft drinks, and coffee will be available downstairs in the Firemen's hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m.

Woman's Club Hold Spring Luncheon

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt held their spring luncheon Thursday, May 21, at the Peter Pan Inn, Urbana, Maryland. Fifty-six members and guests were present. The program consisted of reports on the Maryland Federation of Women's club convention in Baltimore on April 20-21, installation of officers, and a musical program.

Mrs. J. Harry Hoyert, 6th District president, installed the new officers: president, Mrs. A. C. Long; vice president Mrs. C. W. Tucker; director, Mrs. L. O. Mott; recording secretary, Mrs. W. N. Steffen; treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Branch; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. T. McDonald.

A musical program featured three duets sung, two piano solos by Mrs C. Turner, Jr., Mrs. C. T. McDonald, and Miss Elizabeth Goetze.

The Greenbelt Club acted as hostess club at the Sixth District's 43rd Annual meeting at the Prince Georges Country Club. Chairman for the occasion was Mrs. L. O. Mott, and Chairman of Decorations was Mrs. C. M. Cormack, Jr.

Voters League Sets Subject For Study

Units of the League of Women Voters of Prince Georges County will study reappointment in the Maryland General Assembly and sources and spending of state revenue as its state subjects for the next two years. These subjects were selected by the Maryland League of Women Voters at its 34th Convention held recently. They also selected their new president, Mrs. Edward J. Satterthwaite, Annapolis-Anne Arundel League; a Board of Directors; and a nominating committee for 1959-1961. Among the delegates attending the state convention from Prince Georges County was Mrs. W. Haward Hunt, 3-D Research.

PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Board of Education has designated Friday, June 5, as the second registration day this spring. The registration hours will be from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The following information will be necessary for all children registering for the first grade: 1. Birth Certificate, 2. Vaccination Certificate, 3. Certificate of immunization against Diptheria (Adequate immunization consists of two doses of diptheria toxoid or a booster within the last three years).

This registration will help the board to complete the organization of classes for the coming school year. All children should be registered in the school which they will be attending.

Public Invited To See Street - Safety Film

The public is cordially invited to see a film, "A Day in Court," at the Center School auditorium, June 2, at 8 p.m. The film is part of a program sponsored by the Greenbelt Center School PTA, the Greenbelt Police Force, and the Maryland State Police, and is an attempt to boost the AAA street-safety rating of Greenbelt which last year was high in all respects except street-safety education.

Sergeant Austin Green of the Greenbelt Police and Corporal Dave Louder of the Waterloo Barracks of the Maryland State Police will speak.

All members of the PTA are urged to attend so that full support may be given our first-rate safety program in Greenbelt.

Greenbelt's First Bicycle Rodeo Saturday, June 6; Prizes, Trophies

The first Bicycle Rodeo to be held in this area will take place in Greenbelt on Saturday, June 6, at 10 a.m. on the paved area behind the Center School. There will be trophies provided by the Greenbelt Methodist Church for the best boy and girl rider who will have to prove more than their riding skill. All bicycle owners 12 years old and under are eligible to enter.

The purpose of the bike rodeo is to encourage youngsters to ride their bicycles safely and to take all precautions. All bicycles entering the rodeo will have to undergo safety inspection and registration. The Greenbelt police and the Lions Club are cooperating to carry out the safety inspection, with official safety stickers provided by the Lions.

The inspection and also the registration of all unregistered bikes will begin at 10 a.m. Features that will be checked are adequate brakes, two fenders, tight handle bars and grips, good pedals and straight wheels with all spokes present. Following this there will be a written examination consisting of 25 questions on safety and riding rules.

The climax will be a riding skill test over a zig-zag obstacle course, involving a figure eight steering test, a balance test and mounting, and turning and dismounting test. The champion boy and girl will be selected on the basis of the written test scores and the riding test. Application blanks are available at the local school and the police department. In case of rain, the rodeo will be held at the same time on June 13.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt Bus will not run on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30.

Silberstein Robbery Case Still Unsolved

There are no new developments in the theft of $4,600 in valuables from the Lee Silberstein home at 137 Northway, the Greenbelt police report. The robbery occurred dur- May 7 and 12 when the Silbersteins were out of town.

(Through a misunderstanding the News Review incorrectly reported that the Silbersteins were away from May 7 to May 17, during which time the robbery took place. The error was caught by several people who were alert enough to note that the Silbersteins were in town over the weekend of the 16th.)

Although there is a 13-state alert for the stolen jewelry and other items, the police lean toward the theory that the robbery was not carried out by professionals. A number of valuable items were completely ignored. Entry was made into the house through the front door, apparently taking advantage of a defective latch. Police Chief Jim Williams again urged that, with the vacation season coming up, residents report to the police when they expect to be away for several days so that a regular police check will be made on their homes.

FishermenNote

In connection with the opening June 1, the Greenbelt Recreation Do's and Don'ts for those using the Greenbelt Lake:

DON'T

Do not attempt to wade in the lake unless you know the shoreline well. There are several places in the lake where a person could step into 15 feet of water in one or two steps. The best spots to fish can be reached from shore. Let's prevent drownings by not being careless enough to try and wade.

Don't throw bottles or cans or other debris in the lake.

Don't throw stones at the ducks if they are in your way. They were there first and will in no way spoil your fishing.

Don't take illegal fish. The legal size for bass is 9 inches and for Grass Pike, or Pickerel as they are sometimes called, the legal length is 14 inches.

Don't make a hog of yourself. We have one of the finest fishing spots in Maryland for bass and pike. If you can't use all you catch, put them back carefully for another day.

Don't start any fires along the shoreline; you may destroy valuable shoreline cover.

DO

Save all fish tags which you find attached to bass. With these tags we can tell how many of the fish put in the lake this year are caught. Give all tags to "Pop" Bell, the local warden, so he can make recordings and turn them over to the Fish Commission. The Fish Commission is going all out for Greenbelt Lake and will take a weekly census.

Do be sure to have a Maryland fishing license if you are over 16 years of age.

Do be careful in throwing out line so that no one can get caught by a hook.

LIBRARY NOTES

The Board of Trustees of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library welcomed R. Thomas Loftus, Marlow Heights, as a new member at its meeting on May 13, held at the Library Office in Bladensburg. Loftus was appointed recently by Governor J. Millard Tawes to fill the unexpired term of Hillel Spitz.

Memorial Day NOTICE

The Americanism Committee of Greenbelt Post No. 136, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit will join together in the observance of Memorial Day, with services to be held at the Center Memorial, Saturday, May 30, at 10:45 a.m.

Commander William Peake of the American Legion and Mrs. Clara Kuntz, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, extend an invitation to all to join with them in reverence, in remembrance of the valor of all our departed heroes who rest here in America and to those who rest on foreign soil.

Recreation Review

By Warren Leddick
Men's Softball League

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Athletic Club	2	0
St. Hugh's	1	0
Community Church	1	1
L&N Market	1	1
Methodist Church	1	1
Co-op	0	3

Robert Murray of St. Hugh's leads the league in home runs with 2. Last week the Community Church team won their first game and gave the Methodist Church their first loss by the score 10-9.

Youth Center: The last dance of the season will be held on June 13 at Center School. Music will be furnished by the Hi-Tones Band. This will be a dressy dance with free admission. During the summer there will be a splash party every Saturday night with daneing, weather permitting.

Girl's Softball: On Saturday, June 6, at 1 p.m., the girl's softball league will start forming. We have 40 girls practicing at the present time. At least 50 are needed to form teams. The league will be for girls 11-17 years of age.

Swimming Pool: The pool will open its doors on Saturday, May 30, Memorial Day at 1 p.m. Prices will be posted.

Babe Ruth League: Friday night is Babe Ruth night. Free cokes will be served along with the showing of a film of the 1958 world series. This will be the deadline for contracts. After Friday night teams will be selected.

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The Old Swimming Hole

Our childhood swimming hole was a sunlit curve of the old Rogue River, where a faint current had left a hard bottom of sand. There, in our homemade bathing suits, we would splash a little fearfully through a narrow channel of deep water, finally to emerge in safety on a familiar sand bar, water nuzzling round our ankles and our suits dripping wet. We remember yet the sun-warmed trail through the strawberry patch, down behind the Bradford barn, the rather eerie darkness of the woods, and the sunlight filtering greenishly through the foliage to sparkle on the water. Oh, the lost summer days of childhood!

Now, on Saturday, Greenbelt's children will go down to their swimming hole. With fanfare and excitement the city pool will open. Throngs of youngsters will splash into the purified water under the ever-alert gaze of a team of life guards. Some of the children will come screeching down the slide, dropping into the water with spray and foam flying. Others will dive from the tiled edges. Still others will sit, dabbling their toes into the water and listening, perhaps to the rock and roll tunes on the loudspeaker.

Will they have any less fun than we did? We doubt it. Will they remember their fun as long? We think so. For nostalgia—that long ago, sweet, sad remembering—is everybody's legacy from everybody's past. Youth itself provides the sweetness.

May the Greenbelt pool long flourish among the happy memories of these children, as other times and other places still linger in their parents' thoughts.

Keep Maryland Beautiful

All Marylanders are eagerly looking forward to Memorial Day. Since time immemorial, it seems May 30 has been recognized as the official starting gun for summer fun. Picnic lunches are packed, and families are off en masse to picnic areas, beaches and parks, anywhere, everywhere, bent on a day of sun and fun.

Unfortunately, this mass picnicking annually leaves tons of litter in its wake. Cleanup costs are terrific, and many people fail to realize that they, as taxpayers, pay this unnecessary toll.

Trash and bottles carelessly tossed from cars by motorists are a definite traffic hazard, as well.

The Governors Committee to KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL has been encouraged by a reduction in the amount of litter picked up from the state's highways since the cleanup program was inaugurated four years ago, but the cooperation of every Marylander is needed to eliminate the rest.

Two practical suggestions from the Governor's Committee for good clean fun for Memorial Day and every day are —

1. Carry a litterbag in your car for travel trash.
2. Leave your picnic spot the way you would like to find it.

SWEEPY says to picnickers:

Paper is to write on,
Or wrap things that you buy;
Its next stop is a trash can,
'Twas *never* meant to fly!
So let it do its duty
But when that duty's done,
Can it; put the lid on,
Have some good, *clean* fun!

OPEN LETTER

Hon. Mayor and Councilmen:

The anxiety that one of our Greenbelt families had when their child was bitten by a stray dog could possibly be turned into the kind of grief which the Draper family of Hazlewood, Missouri, experienced when their 2½ year old son was killed by a pack of dogs.

As in most instances of this type, it is unfortunate that action by officials generally comes only **after** tragedy strikes.

Council can protect the children of Greenbelt by passing a resolution which would permit the hiring of a needed additional police officer who would also be trained in the capture or disposal of roaming dogs and cats. This officer's salary could be partially offset by revenue from dog and cat licenses.

Your earnest consideration of this proposal is needed.

Stephen Polaschik

MEMORIAL WINDOW

The public is invited to see the Memorial Window of Flanders Field on display at the Center. This is Poppy Month. The sale of poppies will end on Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30.

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The Long View

By Al Long

My public has been after me to write my column again. I told one of them I was just too lazy, but the other one wouldn't take that excuse.

As I look around for some topic of interest I'm impressed at the number of fascinating items which are taboo for one reason or another. For example, there's the Greenbelt Woman's Club, a fine group of civic minded ladies, whose many town activities should earn them some space in the local press. But they seem to abjure publicity—or notoriety, as they have referred to some of my better efforts in their behalf. I've been instructed to ignore them completely by none less than their new president. Pat has let me know definitely, albeit kindly, that she was elected to that exalted office in spite of me and my column. And all the time I thought I was being helpful in advancing her womanly clubbable aspirations.

The troubled, tender skinned teen agers also have received with alarm my well intentioned description of their garb, gyrations and gregariousness at a "teen age dance." I used to think I was a teen ager once myself, but as you get older you begin to wonder—yet it must be true—every adult was once a teen ager and what's even more alarming every teen ager will become an adult. Except for a few teen age adults and, even rarer, some adult teen agers. But don't worry, kids, it's a wonderful age—even if you never learn to dance, that is dance I mean.

This brings me to the only other item of interest in town (I exclude the antics of the Council and the GHI board), the picket line at the theatre. About this I have a suggestion to make. I was raised in a strong union home and taught the realities of the economic struggle of the working man. I hope the Council and the citizens of Greenbelt will move quickly to settle this labor dispute. How successful the picketing has been I don't know. I understand the theatre's business hasn't suffered too much—it's still as lousy as it was before. For the sake of the kids whose parents won't let them cross a picket line, for the sake of the kids who shouldn't cross a picket line, and above all for the sake of the parents, how about a first step toward agreement—a Saturday matinee for the kids without a picket line by courtesy of the union.

THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks friends and neighbors—Barbara and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many, many friends who visited us in the hospital, sent us cards, and kept our daughters busy on the telephone with your calls of concern. Also those who offered transportation to the hospital when Barbara was in right after I came out and I could not drive due to my operation. It seemed that we had rides in every hour of every day. And to the wonderful neighbors who kept our lawn mowed and the hedge trimmed, as well as sending in fancy cooked foods when Barbara didn't feel like cooking.

There were so many people involved in some way that it would be impossible for us to thank you individually even though that is what we would like to do.

Barbara and Ed Burgoon

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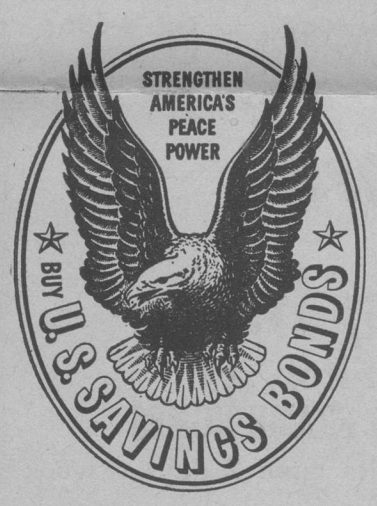
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55 COUNTY TOWNS

Sixty-seven communities in Prince Georges county have requested leadership from the county recreation department for 1959 neighborhood summer playgrounds.

The county recreation board has approved programs for 55 communities at the present time. Approval for twelve programs is being withheld pending investigation of local problems with playground sites and community support.

Each year the Prince Georges county recreation department cooperates with community recreation councils throughout the county to provide supervised playgrounds for seven weeks during school summer vacation. Under special agreements, the Recreation Department uses facilities provided by the County Board of Education and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission for playground sites. The Recreation Department furnishes trained playground leaders for the local programs, and Community Recreation Councils provide supplies.

Community playgrounds will be open free of charge, 5 days a week, from June 29 thru August 14 for all County boys and girls. Programs consist of supervised games and sports, arts and crafts, and special activities for family groups.

Interested individauls may obtain information by calling Prince Georges County Recreation Department, AP. 7-8696.

Our Neighbors

By Elaine Skolnik, GR. 4-6060



Milton R. Evans

Milton R. Evans, local representative of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, has returned from New York City where he participated in a special advanced training course relating to estate planning and business life insurance underwriting. Evans, who lives at 16-V Ridge, recently was appointed to the position of Metropolitan Insurance Consultant.

Brownie Troop 579 enjoyed their outing at Greenbelt Lake on Wednesday, May 20. The girls helped to build fires and toast marshmallows. Their leaders are Betsy Stevens, Sonia Klein and Fran Herling.

Glad to hear that little Joseph Bingham, 20-K Hillside, is doing so well after an operation.

Congratulations to the Bowling Archambos, 20-J Hillside. Mrs. Archambo captured two trophies and Mr. Archambo received one in the Lutheran Layman's Bowling League.

Intermediate Girl Scout Troop 416 had a wonderful Saturday at Glen Echo, with their leader Miss Henry and several parents.

A speedy recovery to Ray Haber, 10-F Southway, who is hospitalized with a leg injury.

Houseguests of the Robert Garins, 10-A Hillside, were Eric and Margaret Ast of Caracas, Venezuela. Ast was a well known pianist in Israel and accompanied many of our American singers when they performed in Israel.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rousseau, 111 Northway. Stephen Gerard was born on May 16, weighing 5 lbs. 4 oz. He joins a brother, Marty, and three sisters, Lynn, Dianne, and Terri.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, 6-C Plateau, announce the arrival of a daughter on May 15. Mary Catherine weighed in at 7 lbs. 13 oz. and joins two brothers, Joseph and Timothy.

A surprise baby shower for Rita Fisher, 2-H Gardenway, was given at the home of Mrs. Betty Fenton, 7-A Plateau, on Wednesday, May 20.

At the Father-Son Athletic Banquet on May 20 at Mackin High, "Al" Folkman, a member of the freshman basketball team, was awarded the Most Improved Player trophy.

David Bridge, 8-A Ridge, and Ronald Feller, 11-M Ridge, have received certificates for successfully completing the Field Leadership Course in Bird Study conducted by the National Capital Parks during March and April. This qualifies them to lead youth groups on nature walks.

Joseph Hanyok and Robert Haslinger have been awarded Academic Letters by the faculty of DeMatha Catholic High School for having been Honor students throughout the year. This is an Old English letter "D" to distinguish it from the block letter "D" which is awarded to students who excel in athletics.

Robert Haslinger has also been selected to attend the Yearbook Short course at Catholic University during the latter part of June.

Our condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thomas, 60-E Crescent, on the loss of his father.

PROTEST

To the Editor:

I protest against the **News Review's** disservice to the United Givers Fund and to the whole principle of united giving by the publication last week of an item urging us to give to the Multiple Sclerosis Hope Chest. You would have served the community better by advising us **not** to give to the current drive, but to save our money and add it to our gifts to the United Givers Fund next November. There is a UGF agency (the Multiple Sclerosis Association) which is doing the same job the MS Hope Chest claims to do, and doing it a great deal more efficiently in terms of work done in proportion to money contributed.

The Washington Post published the pertinent facts in an article by Eve Edstrom on April 22:

(1) "$1 out of every $2.70 contributed to (the D. C. Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society) last year went for fund-raising and administrative expenses." (2) The United Givers Fund spends less than $1 out of every $12 to raise money for its 142 agencies. "As a UGF member the (MS) Association has no fund-raising expenses and spends about $1 out of $7 on administration."

The history of the two multiple sclerosis groups offers such a classic example of the wastefulness of separate health campaigns that Mrs. Edstrom used this story to illustrate her point:

"Washington has two multiple sclerosis groups.

"One is the Multiple Sclerosis Association of Greater Washington, a UGF member which lost its national charter when it joined the united effort. It's 'before and after' story sums up the case for United Funds.

"From 1953 to 1956 it collected $116,900 here when it conducted independent campaigns as a chapter of its national society. From 1957 to 1959, as a member of UGF, it received $135,400.

"This represents a 16 percent increase in funds—but it brought a 600 percent increase in service to local multiple sclerosis victims.

"During its four years of national affiliation it was able to contribute only $15,650 to the Multiple Sclerosis Center at George Washington University.

"But as a UGF member for three years it has given $102,350 to support the MS Center as well as research and direct care programs at both George Washington and Georgetown Universities, visiting Nurse services, patient equipment and transportation.

"The reason for these gains is that when the Association was affiliated with its national organization it spent $45,000 of the $116,000 raised here on fund-raising and administration, while another $42,000 was shipped to the national organization."

After revoking the charter of the group which joined UGF, the National Society established a new affiliate to compete with it. If we ever hope to end the waste and the nuisance of repeated, independent drives we should encourage, when we have a csance, a group that has willingly given up large promotional staffs and individual publicity and has accepted the rigorous auditing of its books required of UGF members. We shoul discourage a group apparently unconcerned about how great a proportion of our money is devoted to publicity instead of to the study and treatment of the disease they are organized to combat. We can do this only by increasing our gifts to United Givers and by refusing to support unjustified, separate campaigns like the present one for the Multiple Sclerosis Hope Chest.

Sincerely yours,
Charlotte W. Smith

OMISSION

The **News Review** regrets the inadvertent omission of the name of Ronald Feller from the story in last week's paper on High Point students who were elected to membership in the National Honor Society. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Feller, 11-N Ridge.

THINGS NOT WHAT THEY SEEM. Although we usually think of sapphires as being blue in color there are actually many other hues. Some from Ceylon are green, some red and are very, very precious. They have also been found in blue and white.

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Those Living Behind Locked Doors

Well, the third Wednesday of the month has passed, and another trip to St. Elizabeth's hospital has been made. It was a hot, humid day as we started out, and as we traveled downtown we found ourselves too warm with the car windows up and too windblown with the windows down.

We have been visiting the ladies of Ward CT6 for more than a year and a half now, and therefore we are aware of any new faces. As we walked in, a lovely young girl in her twenties was playing the piano. She looked like a visitor who was entertaining the patients. In a way she was; a visitor from another ward. It was surprising to see such a normal intelligent looking girl and learn that she too, was mentally ill. Before I had a chance to find out her background, she came over and spoke to me. She said she had heard that there was a pregnant woman in this ward and wondered if I was that woman. Not aware of her illness and believing her to be only a visitor herself, I assured her that I had come with the ladies from Greenbelt. I was glad later that I had not acted insulted or embarassed about her questions.

We conducted our usual Bingo games and had some clothing included as prizes. They loved the things that they could find to fit them. The games take longer to play when the winners select clothing, but the gladness they show is worth the delay.

Our young friend played bingo and needed no help. We did have some vocal competition, though. One of the non-players, (of which there are only a few now,) sat in a chair, quite oblivious of the surroundings, and talked on and on as if she were living somewhere in the past. Occasionally her voice would become loud, and we would wait a while until she quieted down. She meant no harm to anyone living in a world all her own as she sat there.

After the Bingo games we served homemade cookies, candy, iced tea and punch. Then we sat and talked with the ladies. The young girl played the piano for us. It seemed to me we should have asked the woman who usually plays for us to do so. We just didn't think soon enough. But I did notice her sitting near the piano, perhaps hoping to be asked. It will be a point to remember on the next trip.

The young woman—I don't recall her name—seemd to enjoy talking to the ladies. She told us that she suffered a nervous breakdown after her first semester in college. She stated that she could not understand the reason, since her marks were good. She had been to a few other hospitals looking for help and was now trying to find it at St. Elizabeth's and thought some progress was being made. All the time she spoke though, as normal as she seemed, her foot was constantly swinging back and forth.

Our old friends were concerned with my approaching motherhood. Miss L. who had been sloppy and vulgar at first but was now much neater and more reserved looking, made us smile when she looked at me very seriously and said, "Are you married?" Our dear friend, Mrs. D., in her seventies, offered to carry a chair over to where I was standing because she insisted I should not be on my feet too much. I quickly went and sat down in that chair. There was one lady who is a "sitter" who came over to me about four different times, looked me straight in the eyes, murmured something, and went back and sat down again. The nurse asked me if I understood whatever it was she said, and I said no but I just nodded in agreement and that seemed to agree with her. The nurse said they never can make out what she says.

We bid our farewells to them and I was wished well on the forthcoming blessed event by some of the ladies. I was very touched by their concern. It's now up to someone in Grenbelt to determine whether or not I can continue going to visit these ladies. These trips have become part of my purpose in life and the thought of giving it up is a sad one.

Since I may be writing my last article in this series, I would like personally to thank a few special ladies for their very generous contributions of gifts. Here in Greenbelt, there's Mrs. Burk on Plateau Place, who is an invalid but whose heart goes out to these women. She has given us quite a few things to bring as gifts. Thanks also to the ladies of the JCC, who after their last two rummage sales, donated clothing towards our gifts. There's Mrs. Long of Silver Spring, a subscriber to the News Review and a former Greenbelter, who has been collecting things at the office where she works and is very much interested in our work.

And a very special thank you to my mother-in-law, Mrs. Gussie Wohlrabe, of Kenoza Lake, New York. She has spoken to the ladies in the small town where she lives, and the women have been gathering things for her to send down to us. Our work has reached the hearts of women three hundred and fifty miles away, and for this I thank all the women of the town of Kenoza Lake for their kindness and generosity.

Will this be my last article about our monthly visits to St. Elizabeth's? Or will some kind person in Greenbelt offer to take care of an infant for about four hours, once a month, so that I can continue to visit those living behind locked doors?

As I See It

By Russ Greenbaum

Slowly but surely civilization is starting to catch up to Greenbelt, which for so long has been a quiet island isolated from the supersonic progress of the outside world. At first, it was just new homes—queer structures that stand separated from each other. It was hard for us to understand that there were people willing to live in homes without the cheerful sound of neighbors' loud fights coming through the walls. ("I don't care who hears me! If your mother puts one foot in this house again, so help me, I will . . ." Darn that passing truck.)

At any rate, these are some of the simple joys of life that satisfied us until we were invaded by modern living. Now we have a Laundromat. Some people may ask why, since virtually every house in Greenbelt has a washing machine and a number have dryers as well. The fact of the matter is that statistics show that 25 percent of these machines are on the blink every day, and the breakdown always occurs on the day the housewife has planned to do her heaviest wash.

A study has established that it takes from three days to a week for the repair man to get to your house. This is to intimidate you so that you feel you are lucky he gets there at all—and you are. When he arrives, if your machine is a few years old, he stares contemptuously at it or makes some chatty remark, such as, "Well, we have a real museum piece here, don't we?" It does no good to bridle and point out that you paid $350 for your machine in 1957. He'll merely nod sympathetically and remark that you weren't the only one who got stuck on that model. After he kicks the machine a few times. he announces briskly that he'll be back in a week with a new motor—unless, of course, you want to junk your machine and buy a new one from him.

Meanwhile, you have to borrow the use of your neighbor's machine. Fortunately, she's always glad to help out since it's her chance to find out what kind of lingerie you buy and whether your husband wears pajama tops only. Some women are lucky in that they can call on their husbands to fix the machine. They just have to be a wee bit patient until he finishes fixing the table leg, but before that he has to get to the screen door, but first he's promised junior he would fix his electric train. (The only solution to this is to wait until he runs out of underwear, and then you'll get action—plus a few harsh words for not reminding him sooner.)

There are other women who carry on a personal feud with their machines. In these cases the woman is secretly trying to sabotage her machine so she can force her husband to buy a new one. As an example, she deliberately forgets to remove the rocks from her youngsters' pockets before throwing them into the machine—the clothes not the youngsters. (This must be deliberate because she never forgets to go through her husband's pockets for loose change and other "interesting items" before putting them in the machine or sending them out for cleaning).

The machine recognizes this evil intent and fights back with all its wiles. That is why a husband may come home to find his wife close to hysteria, claiming that the machine jumped at her and poured water over her newly waxed floors just out of pure spite. She then declares dramatically that either the machine goes or she goes.

This is a serious dilemma for a husband to have to face at the end of a hard day's work. With the new Laundromat here he is no longer faced with the difficult decision of choosing between his wife and the machine. Now both of them can go.

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